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In re Application of

Gregory B. Wilson, et al

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: PROTEST

This letter is in regard to disposition of the protest filed April 8, 2002

The above identified application was published October 25, 2001 as Publication No. 20010033844. As such the protest does not comply with 37 CFR 1.291(a) which requires that any protest be filed prior to publication of the application or issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Therefor the protest has been discarded in accordance with M.P.E.P. 1901.06.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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